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7. (Amended) An optical component whose optical thickness has been adjusted by the method of Claim 3.

8. (Amended) An optical component whose optical thickness has been adjusted by the method of Claim 4.

REMARKS

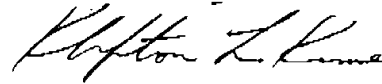
Claims 1-8 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are amended. No new matter is added. The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)). Reconsideration in view of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiners Hasan and Loha for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the January 6 personal interview. During the interview, Examiners Hasan and Loha agreed that the September 26, 2002 rejection will be withdrawn in view of the January 26, 2003 Request for Reconsideration. Moreover, during the January 23 telephone conference with Examiner Hasan, Examiner Hasan indicated that claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are allowed and claims 3, 4, 7 and will be allowed if 3 and 4 are amended to recite "optical thickness adjustment." This Supplemental Amendment amends claims 3 and 4 as requested by Examiner Hasan, and amends claims 7 and 8 to be consistent with amended claims 3 and 4. Therefore, Applicant understands that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

3. (Amended) A method of adjusting the position of a surface of an optical component, comprising;

adhering a layer of material to said optical component by at least one of vapor deposition, plating, and vapor growth to adjust a thickness of the optical component and thereby adjust the position of at least one surface of said optical component.

4. (Amended) A method of adjusting the position of a surface of an optical component, comprising;

etching a surface of said optical component to adjust a thickness of the optical component and thereby adjust the position of at least one surface thereof.

7. (Amended) An optical component whose optical thickness has been adjusted by the ~~thickness adjustment~~ method of Claim 3.

8. (Amended) An optical component whose optical thickness has been adjusted by the ~~thickness adjustment~~ method of Claim 4.